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In Brief

Family Day

The USAF Key Spouse Group will sponsor a Family Day June 8 from noon to 3 p.m. at Burba Lake. For additional information, contact the Key Spouse group by E-mail at key_spouse@yahoo.com.

Free Family Advocacy classes

The Fort Meade Family Advocacy Program invites members and family members of all services to attend the following classes offered during May. All classes are free, and free childcare is available with pre-registration. Call 301-677-5590 to register.

Classes:

Recognizing and Managing Life Stress:
May 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Managing Conflict: May 29 from 9-11 a.m.

Family Team Building

The Army Family Team Building program offers numerous classes throughout May and June in a variety of subjects. All members of the Fort Meade Community are welcome to participate, including all services, retirees, Department of Defense Civilians and family members. For class schedules, more information, or to register, call 301-677-5590.

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Arlington National Cemetery

Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

One NCO reflects on Arlington as Memorial Day approaches

by MSgt. Rick Corral

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

I recently took a tour of the DC area and it's many historical sites, including Arlington National Cemetery. As I walked through the cemetery gates, up and through the cemetery grounds, I was amazed at how peaceful and well kept everything was. For a brief moment, it was hard to believe that this was the final resting place for so many American Veterans.

Walking deeper into the cemetery, it became obvious that everywhere, you see row after row of soft grayish white headstones. I found myself mesmerized by them. No matter where I stood or which direction I looked, the stones were always

in a straight line and running off into infinity. It looked exactly like all the photos on all the postcards and in all the history books I've ever seen.

Standing ever so silent, thinking to myself who had planned this all out and what it must take to maintain the plushness, something caught my eye. Something I hadn't noticed in all those photos I'd ever seen. Something even I hadn't noticed as I walked into the park a few moments before. Names! I walked up to the closest stone and gently rubbed my hand across the deep etchings in the stone, I read out loud, "Adam," then on to the next stone "Steven," then "Carol" and "David," "Tyron" and "Shawn."

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Season holds new opportunities for wing, America

by Col. Harold J. Beatty

70th Intelligence Wing Commander

Summer is almost here! The cooler spring days are behind us and the days are getting longer. May is a very special month; not only is it a time to transition into the summer, but it also offers many opportunities to reflect on this great country. With Armed Forces Week and Memorial Day, I can think of no better time to celebrate the mission, accomplishments, and patriotism of the people assigned to the 70th Intelligence Wing, the Air Force and the nation.

We are truly blessed to be assigned to a location so rich in military history and tradition. A walk through Arlington National Cemetery, a touch of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall or a moment of silence standing before the Lincoln Memorial is something that every American can appreciate. It's hard to believe that we have these opportunities every day.

As you go about sharing this wonderful time of year, please don't forget we are entering the 101 Critical Days of Summer. I can't emphasize enough that you, your family, friends and co-workers must think safety 24/7! Recently, General Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, addressed the increase in ground mishaps including five active duty



Col. Harold J. Beatty

deaths. The victims were young airmen, and their deaths resulted from private motor vehicle accidents occurring in the early morning hours between 2 and 5 a.m. While each mishap was unique, recurring themes were excessive speed, alcohol, failure to wear seatbelts, and fatigue. I encourage every one of you to take every step necessary to ensure we do not become part of this dangerous trend.

Added to the dangers of summer, we also have the stress of the fight against terrorism and the fact of knowing this

wing is coming upon some major personnel changes. In the next few months, we will see a new wing commander, new group commanders and many new squadron commanders and new unit members. This goes beyond our routine permanent change of station moves. As we strive to arrive at the new duty location, or prepare for the new leadership, we must always put safety first. Take your time, work out the details, and know that cutting corners is not in your best interest.

Remember, there are risks in summer. If we could see the pain these dangers can cause, we would not have to be reminded to wear seatbelts, practice water and boating safety, and pay attention while firing up the grill. It's all too easy to let the fun and adventures of summer overcome the need for safety. But I assure you, letting your guard down for one moment can cause a significant change in your life. Take the extra time and ensure every activity you pursue is as safe as can be.

We have many things to stay focused on this summer. Whether it's a vacation, a trip to a national monument, a change of command, a new assignment or deployment, I hope you share it safely with friends, family, and co-workers and take the time to enjoy all this wing and great country have to offer.

New Chaplain space in NSA

70th IW members' access improves with new AFCCO office

For Air Force members inside the National Security Agency spaces, access to an Air Force Chaplain has recently been a bit challenging. A new agreement allows office space in the Air Force Cryptologic Office basement area for the chaplain.

This new temporary space allows the Chaplain to offer members spiritual support within NSA through November. This will

ensure services that people receive from building 9804 are now available inside NSA as well.

There will be a chaplain's assistant in the office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The new office is located in OPS1, Room OAW 229.

For more information about the new space or chapel programs, call 301-688-5441.



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Career Corner

Missed Opportunities for first-termers

by MSgt. Pete Rich

70th Intelligence Wing Career Assistance Advisor

It has become increasingly apparent to me that many airmen are missing out on important opportunities in their Air Force careers just because they didn't know about them. These missed opportunities have an incredible impact on an individual's career. It is extremely important that members are aware of certain milestones one can expect during their Air Force career.

Supervisors should know when their subordinates are approaching these milestones so they can provide the guidance and counsel required.

In addition to important dates and timeframes, following are some applicable guidelines to refer to for any questions that may arise. Take the time to check *your* dates ... it's your career, take control of it!

Must-know dates for first-term airmen:

Considered for Selective Reenlistment Program (AFI 36-2606)

- ▶ 4-year enlistees, after completing 33 months time in service
- ▶ 6-year enlistees, after completing 57 months TIS

Apply for Career Job Reservation (AFI 36-2606):

- ▶ 4-year enlistees, 35-43 months of service
- ▶ 6-year enlistees, 59-67 months of service

Eligible to reenlist after considered under SRP and CJR is approved (AFI 36-2606):

- ▶ 4-year enlistees, 36 consecutive months, at least airman first class with 12 months time-in-grade
- ▶ 6-year enlistees, 60 consecutive months, at least senior airman or higher

Eligible for promotion Below-the-Zone (AFI 36-2502) after:

- ▶ 36 months TIS *and* 20 months TIG, *or* 28 months TIG, whichever occurs first

First Feedback/Enlisted Performance Report:

- ▶ Initial feedback is held within 60 days of a change

of rating official (AFI 36-2627)

- ▶ Normally, airman first class or below receives first EPR at 20 months TIS (AFI 36-2406)

Apply to retrain (AFI 36-2626):

- ▶ 4-year enlistees, 35- 43 months of service
- ▶ 6-year enlistees, 59- 67 months of service

Air Force Good Conduct Medal is awarded (AFI 36-2803):

- ▶ After 3 years in service for exemplary conduct (awarded every 3 years, thereafter)

Eligible for Assignment (AFI 36-2110 and MPF Memorandum 00-29)

- ▶ CONUS to CONUS or CONUS to overseas, you can apply after 12 months time on station
- ▶ Base of Preference, apply in conjunction with retraining or reenlistment

Airman Leadership School attendance (AFI 36-2301):

- ▶ Senior airmen with 48 months TIS *and* one year of retainability -- must complete ALS prior to promotion to staff sergeant

In-service Educational benefits (contact the Base Education Office):

- ▶ Tuition Assistance can be used immediately, per unit policy
- ▶ Montgomery GI Bill can be used in-service after 24 months of continuous service
- ▶ CLEP/DANTES tests available *free*, even while in upgrade training

'101 Critical Days' of Summer kicks off May 25

by MSgt. Jim Raabe

694th Intelligence Group
Safety Office

We are about to enter the "101 Critical Days of Summer." This period starts with Memorial Day weekend and continues through Labor Day weekend.

Historically, this is the time when the number of Air Force injuries and fatalities increase. With increased travel, extended vacations, water activities, and outdoor sports, there is a tendency to let safety awareness decline.

The highways and roads, both close and far from home, present risk to

both drivers and passengers. Knowing and practicing defensive driving techniques is essential anytime one is behind the wheel.

Because of a staggering increase in Air Force mishaps, it is vital we all practice sound Personal Risk Management. In theory, PRM is not a new concept. The idea of weighing risks and balancing them against desired outcomes is something we have always done in one way or another. PRM merely formalizes this concept into a process that's easily understood and can and should be used daily by everyone.

The importance of PRM

has been repeatedly demonstrated. About 80 percent of all mishaps can be attributed to human factors.

Bottom line -- if we use the PRM concept to lower the risk of activities we are involved in, whether on or off duty, we can cut that 80 percent human rate factor down quite significantly.

One such example of properly applied PRM principles involves an active duty Air Force major stationed at Fort Meade. While on vacation with her family in Florida, they were rammed from behind by another vehicle.

The elderly vehicle operator who rammed them, in his confusion, kept stomping

on the accelerator thinking it was the brake, ramming into their truck numerous times after the initial collision.

Luckily, seatbelts were worn by all occupants involved in the accident, significantly reducing injuries. The major professed, "There is no doubt in my mind that if we were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the collision the results would have been dramatically worse."

The Department of Defense mandates we all wear seatbelts, not because it's just another rule to control us and take away our freedom or rights, but to protect their investment ... you. So, Buckle up, and be careful out there!

From WWII to present:

'Demon Chasers' reminisce at Savannah reunion

by 1st Lt. Angela Eversgerd
91st Intelligence Squadron

Men and women representing more than 55 years of the 91st Intelligence Squadron's distinguished past gathered from March 12-14 at the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, Ga.

During that time, more than 35 squadron alumni and family members visited a number of local attractions and shared stories about the unit's service in the Caribbean, South and Central America, and the Far East in the 1940s and '50s. They also learned of some of the squadron's more recent operations.

The newly established 91st IS Heritage Foundation hosted the three-day reunion in the historic city of Savannah. Committed to keeping alive the distinguished service of the squadron since its inception in August 1917, the foundation invited members to gather from across the nation.

Reunion attendees toured the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Wing, the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum, and Savannah's historic downtown district. The event culminated in a banquet at the Mighty 8th Museum where the 165th Wing continued their

support of the event providing the color guard for the evening.

On hand to recount these stories were pilots, photographers, gunners, and support personnel — the whole team that has made the 91st IS successful through the decades.

Maj. William Baumer, a former 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron Operations Officer, shared his experience of when the mission he was flying was brought down over the Yalu River in December 1951. He recounted with the group how he spent the next three years as a POW in Communist China.

Surprise! You're an NCO



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

SrA Christie Vecchio gets her staff sergeant stripes tacked on by 22nd Intelligence Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Claire Saucier (left), and First Sergeant, CMSgt. Catherine Danzy.

by SSgt. Kristina Brown
70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

SrA Christie Vecchio had quite a pleasant surprise while attending the First Term Airmen Center here.

Vecchio, an analyst with the 22nd Intelligence Squadron, found out she will be one of the Air Force's newest staff sergeants, selected in the supplemental cycle. That's also the news she received on the "official" result day last August.

Confused? So was Vecchio. When the original results came out, she was a student at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, working through three years of training. Her instructors told her they'd seen her name on the selectee list. She was elated all day. Unfortunately, the name her instructors saw on the list was "Vecchi" with no "o" at the end, so Vecchio was not a staff sergeant promotee after all — or was she?

It turned out an enlisted performance report covering the period she'd spent in training hadn't been included in the promotion calculation.

Once those points were added in for supplemental consideration, she was promoted. Only one problem: the news never made it to Vecchio.

She arrived here in February for her first operational assignment. As she was attending class at the First Term Airmen Center early one morning, she was notified to contact someone about her Airman Leadership School paperwork if she expected to sew on her stripe in time.

"What stripe?" asked Vecchio, unaware she was even considered in the supplemental cycle. "Don't you have a line number for staff sergeant?" asked the caller.

From "Stage right" enters MSgt. Beth McCusker, NCO in charge of the FTAC. McCusker researched the matter while Vecchio continued with her FTAC classes.

"I found out rather quickly that she'd definitely been

promoted, so it was really hard to keep it from her for a few hours until her first sergeant and commander could make it over for the 'official' congratulations," said McCusker.

By mid-morning, Vecchio's first sergeant, CMSgt. Catherine Danzy, and her commander, Lt. Col. Claire Saucier, made the promotion official. They showed up at the FTAC to surprise her with the stripes.

Although this Air Force veteran of three years and three months is happy to be promoted, she says she's a bit nervous about being an NCO.

"I've been in such a short amount of time, and I've never been out there," said Vecchio. "All of my time so far has been spent in training, and I just want to know that I'm prepared for this challenge."

McCusker has no doubts, though. "She's mature well beyond her years, and she's a natural leader," she said. "Sometimes I don't feel bad retiring when I know people like her have line numbers — she's most definitely ready, and I have no qualms about seeing her receive this stripe."

70th Intelligence Wing Annual Awards

Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Jason E. Lindsey
694th Intelligence Group

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

MSgt. Warren L. Wofford
694th Intelligence Group

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

TSgt. Stefano Masi
694th Intelligence Group

Airman of the Year

SSgt. Aaron L. Edgington
543d Intelligence Group

First Sergeant of the Year

SMSgt. Jack Johnson
373d Intelligence Group

Senior Category Civilian of the Year

Mr. David Guerra
543d Intelligence Group

Junior Category Civilian of the Year

Mr. Robert Effler
694th Intelligence Group

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 70th Intelligence Wing were flown in from around the world for the wing's second annual awards week, celebrating the best of the best throughout the wing.

In 2001, Col. Harold J. Beatty, commander of the 70th Intelligence Wing, said he wanted not only to honor the wing's annual award nominees, but to ensure each one of them understood just how important his or her contribution was to the wing and how much each airman, NCO, officer, and civilian makes a difference here.

With that in mind, the annual awards committee created the 70th Intelligence Wing's Annual Awards Week.

Once this year's 21 nominees arrived, many of them tired and jetlagged, they were given a short period of rest before the non-stop whirlwind began.

Tours of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis, Md., areas filled the majority

of the nominees' time from sun-up to sundown.

Some of the many sites visited this year included the National monuments in downtown D.C., Arlington National Cemetery, the College Park Aviation Museum, the Naval Academy, Fort McHenry in Baltimore (the very place where the battle was fought that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem), and the Inner Harbor of Baltimore.

The week's festivities were capped off by the annual awards banquet at Club Meade, where the Air Force's Strolling Strings provided the entertainment throughout the evening.

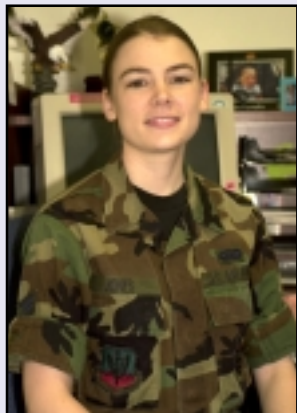
"Putting together an awards week of this magnitude takes a lot of dedication, planning and hard work," said Beatty. "The people that put this week-long event together, without so much as a single hitch, deserve much praise. Each one of them is just another testament to the quality folks that make up the 70th Intelligence Wing."

Annual award winners pose for a group photograph during the 70th Intelligence Wing Annual Awards Banquet March 28. From Left: Robert Effler, 694th Intelligence Group (IG), Junior Category Civilian of the Year; SSgt. Aaron L. Edgington, 543 IG, Airman of the Year; MSgt. Warren L. Wofford, 694 IG, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Capt. Jason E. Lindsey, 694 IG, Company Grade Officer of the Year; TSgt. Stefano Masi, 694 IG, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; SMSgt. Jack Johnson, 373 IG, First Sergeant of the Year; Mr. David Guerra, 543 IG, Senior Category Civilian of the Year. The 21 nominees represented the 694th Intelligence Group here, the 543rd Intelligence Group, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and the 373rd Intelligence Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan.



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

Eagle Warrior



SrA Carina Jones

22nd Intelligence Squadron

Years of Service: 3.25

Hometown: Gretna, Neb.

Family: "I have a beautiful daughter, Cecily Jasmine, who is 9 months old."

Job title: Korean Linguist, currently working as Executive Assistant to the First Sergeant.

Primary duties and responsibilities: Manages Squadron Professional Military Education, Family Care Plans, and Senior Airmen Below-the-Zone Boards.

Most rewarding job aspect: "Daily interaction with my first sergeant has afforded me invaluable insight and mentoring opportunities."

Goals: Short-term: Acceptance into OTS; Long-term: Retirement as a general.

Hobbies: "Playing with my daughter and digital photography/video (if time allows)."

Favorite aspects of Fort Meade: Working hand-in-hand with civilians and other branches of the service.

What would you change about Fort Meade: Make it an Air Force base.

70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

Gordon W. Summers Outstanding Civilian of the Year Award

Mr. Robert Effler, 694th Intelligence Group

As chief of 694 IG Plans, Programs and Resources, Effler serves as an intelligence specialist and as the single point of contact for the 694 IG in relation to intelligence war plans, programs, resources, manpower and readiness. He manages and oversees the Group's disaster preparedness, Status of Resources and Training and Air Expeditionary Reporting Tool programs, as well as their training and monthly reporting. Effler prepares budgets and oversees the preparation, submission and expenditures of funds from subordinate workcenters and oversees the group's resources and support agreements programs and personnel.



Quarterly Award Winners (January-March)

694th Intelligence Group Quarterly Award Winners:

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt. Daniel Pankratz, 29th Intelligence Squadron

SNCO of the Quarter

MSgt. Steven Hahn, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

NCO of the Quarter

TSgt. James Kniskern, 32nd Intelligence Squadron

Airman of the Quarter

SrA Carina Jones, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Civilian of the Quarter

Mr. Anthony Mullins, 694th Support Squadron

Honor Guard Member of the Quarter

SrA Michelle Byrd, 91st Intelligence Squadron

Airman Leadership School Graduates

70th Intelligence Wing Airman Leadership School Award Winners

Class 2002-D

John L. Levitow Award

SrA Sara Peters, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Distinguished Graduate Award

SrA Yesenia Cory, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Distinguished Graduate Award

SrA Marc Temple, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Leadership Award

SrA Nathan Anderson, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Academic Achievement Award

SrA Cindy Lamb, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Class 2002-D, Nighthawk Flight Graduates:

Ryan Clark, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Carla Currier, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Eric Dougherty, 94th Intelligence Squadron

Darcil Field, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Gregory Mittal, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Nathan Hall, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

James Henry IV, 32nd Intelligence Squadron

Dove Ilnicki, 94th Intelligence Squadron

Ismay Jones, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Joshua Jones, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Joshua Palmer, 94th Intelligence Squadron

James Sabol, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Thomas Terhune, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Jamie Wilson, 94th Intelligence Squadron

Class 2002-D, Sentry Flight Graduates:

Charles Bennett, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

James Dezerga, 32nd Intelligence Squadron

Kristy Howard, 91st Intelligence Squadron

Cherish Jordan, 32nd Intelligence Squadron

Dawn Humphries, 694th Support Squadron

Jeanette Hall, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Robert Olejniczak Jr., 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Andrea Shipman, 94th Intelligence Squadron

Robert Sooter, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

Hanni Suhm, 29th Intelligence Squadron

Joshua Walker, 29th Intelligence Squadron

Trevor Woodcook, 94th Intelligence Squadron

~Armed Forces Week Celebration~

May 13-17

‘United for Freedom’

Monday (Coast Guard/Joint Day)

Flag Raising Ceremony at NSA

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Coast Guard Cutter Band performs Ops 2A Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, director, NSA/chief, Central Security Services

Master of Ceremonies: Coast Guard Cmdr. A. Reece Madsen

Commander of the Troops: Marine Lt. Col. Dolley,

Tuesday (Army Day)

Flag Raising Ceremony at NSA

11:30 to 1 p.m.: Jazz Ensemble-Ops 2A Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Army Maj. Gen. Richard Quirk

Wednesday (Marine Corps Day)

Flag Raising Ceremony at NSA

Guest Speaker: Marine Col. J.D. Williams

Master of Ceremonies: Marine MSgt. Mike Nelson

Commander of Troops: Marine Capt. Carlos Urbina

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Field Day at McLaughlin Field

5K Run around the Fort Meade Course: Registration at 8 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m.

Marine Silent Drill Team and Band to perform

Each Service will have Displays on the field, and food will be sold

Wednesday's Field Day Displays:

Army: Equipment and vehicles from Fort Meade museum

Navy: Large displays from the Navy Sea System

Coast Guard: Boating Safety Workshop for elementary students with robotic boat; helicopter from their Atlantic City station to land on the field

Marine Corps: Inflatable drill sergeant, red Hummve, various pieces of equipment; fitness tests, etc.

Air Force: Recruiter, Civil Air Patrol, NSA AF equipment

Thursday (Navy Day)

Flag Raising Ceremony at NSA

Guest Speaker: Navy Adm. Joseph Burns

Navy Ceremonial Honor Guard to perform

Luncheon at Club Meade Fest Tent \$10 per person

Navy "Cruisers" Band scheduled to perform during lunch

Friday (Air Force Day)

Flag Raising Ceremony at NSA

Guest Speaker: Brig. Gen. Neal Robinson

C-130 and four-ship A-10 fly-by

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Golf Tournament at Fort Meade Golf Course

(Continental Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m.)

Fee for tournament is \$38 for members/\$45 for non-members (BBQ

Luncheon is also included)

Armed Forces Week Ball at the Resource and Engineering Building: \$15 per person

"Arlington," from page 1

They were everywhere. Men and women of all ages, with brief notes about each of them them carved below the name.

I continued walking through the rows past stone after stone; I saw Tom and then Debra, Carl and William. I came across James under a large oak shaded from the midday sun. He'd been to France! Alice and Audie were at the top of a small hill. They both had survived the horrors of World War II. Donald and Melton had fought in one of the many battles of World War I. It said so on the stones. Now they were together near a large Magnolia tree. The had proudly fought and died in the battle of Saint Mihiel.

Benjamin was a sailor, but I'm not sure what happened to him. His stone gave no clues, but the view from his resting place

was magnificent. I think Barbara was a nurse who served in World War II, and Ronnie was a 19-year-old Marine; perhaps far too young to even know exactly where Khe Sanh was.

I walked for the longest time, the stones and the names went on as far as I could see. I found Robert at the base of a gentle hill. His place marked by a simple wooden cross -- he was just down the hill from his brother, John, an eternal flame flickering for them both.

Farther on, I walked past William and Connie, Wendy and Juan. Down the hills, past stone after stone, then up again to the top of a hill. There I saw the most startling sight! The names were gone -- in their place, the word "UNKNOWN." Again, as far as I could see, in every direction, the same thing - UNKNOWN.

Who would know these names? How

did the mothers and fathers of these unknown Americans know where to grieve? How does a great granddaughter know where to place the flowers for a great grandfather she can't find? How could we not know their names?

I weaved my way down the hill, through the stones and back toward the gate thinking differently and holding back a tear. This is more than a photograph or a post card. It's a community of heroes with names and faces and stories and family. It's home for so many who have served this great country from the many past wars to the current fight against terrorism.

This sacred ground is more than a resting place for heroes; it is part of the very fiber that makes this country worth fighting and dying for. It is a beautiful, free and very delicate place. It is America.

694 SPTS garners Air Force, post championships



Photos by MSgt. Rick Corral

◀ 694 SPTS team members celebrate after a hard-fought battle to the top. After conquering the post championship, SPTS later went on to win the Air Force championship among their peers. 'They looked adversity in the face and dunked it,' said 694th Support Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Dale Bourque.

◀ Team members (from top left): Martin Hayes, AFco; Assistant Coach, Mitchell Ross, 694 IG; Anthony Gooding, 694 SPTS; Zachary Bolden, DCS; Shane Ray, 694 SPTS; Timothy Sinkler, 694 SPTS (From bottom left) Jason Benson, 694 SPTS; Douglas Stevens, AFco; Jon Garcia, AFco; Coach, Bryan Lawson (not pictured), AFco.

▶ Jon Garcia (#3), fends off defense to make it to the hole.

▼ Brian Ray (#30, blue), reaches for the sky during the tip off, giving his team the initial advantage.



▶ The team's fans, including Lt. Col Dale Bourque, 694 SPTS commander (bottom left) and Col. Michael Rogers, 694th Intelligence Group commander (bottom center), get 'the wave' started in the stands.

